

APPENDIX C

Native American Consultation Letters



State of Utah

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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November 20, 2007

Sheri Murray Ellis
SWCA Environmental Consultants, Inc.
257 East 200 South, Suite 200
Salt Lake City UT 84111

RE: Paleontological File Search and Recommendations for the Vineyard Connector Project,
UDOT Project No. S-R399(35), Utah County, Utah
U.C.A. 63-73-19 compliance; literature search for paleontological specimens or sites

Dear Sheri:

I have conducted a paleontological file search for the Vineyard Connector Project in response to your letter of November 19, 2007. This project qualifies for treatment under the UDOT/UGS executed Memorandum of Understanding.

There are no paleontological localities recorded in our files within this project right-of-way. Quaternary and Recent alluvial deposits that are exposed over most of this project area have a low potential for yielding significant fossil localities. However, there is the potential for the discovery of significant vertebrate fossil localities in the Lake Bonneville deposits that may be exposed in along parts of this project right-of way. So please be aware of possible impacts to paleontological resources in this project area if these deposits are disturbed as a result of construction activities. Unless fossils are discovered as a result of construction activities, this project should have no impact on paleontological resources.

If you have any questions, please call me at (801) 537-3311.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Martha Hayden".

Martha Hayden
Paleontological Assistant



January 28, 2008

Mr. Curtis Cesspooch, Chair
Ute Indian Tribe
P.O. Box 190
Fort Duchesne, UT 84026

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Sue Lee
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3995 South 700 East, Suite 100
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Uintah and Ouray Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs
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Eastern Nevada Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs
1555 Shoshone Circle
Elko, NV 89801

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Mr. Kenneth Timbana, Environmental Protection Specialist
Northwestern Band of the Shoshoni Nation
427 North Main Street, Suite 101
Pocatello, ID 83204

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February 26, 2008

Sue Lee
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3995 South 700 East, Suite 100
Salt Lake City, UT 84107

Re: Vineyard Connector Project, Northern Utah County

Dear Sue Lee:

On behalf of the Northwestern Band of Shoshone Nation (NWBSN) and Tribal Environmental Protection Office, I am providing the following comments on your proposed transportation project Vineyard Connector Project, Northern Utah County:

1. The main concerns of the NWBSN are: cultural, historic, and archaeological protected under the Indian Graves & Repatriation Act.
2. If cultural artifacts or Native American Indian remains are unearthed during your excavation work, notification of proper authorities should be followed, and notifying the NWBSN's Cultural Resource Protection Specialist at:

Patty Timbimboo, Cultural Resource Protection Specialist
707 N. Main Street
Brigham City, UT 84302
Phone: (435)734-2286
Fax: (435)723-6320

Our environmental concerns with this proposed road project's impact on resources in the NWBSN's treaty area would not be significantly impacted. Currently, there are no significant environmental issues or natural resources under the Tribes area that are impacted by your proposed road projects or the alternatives that would be reviewed and or considered. The area in question is in an area already disturbed and there is no significant concern for the NWBSN's environmental concerns.

Sincerely,

Kenneth M. Timbana
Environmental Protection Specialist
Northwestern Band of the Shoshone Nation

